



# NEWS RELEASE

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PROJECT CEASEFIRE  
**TWO KC MEN, MEXICAN NATIONAL  
PLEAD GUILTY TO ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men and a Mexican national living in Kansas City, pleaded guilty in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, to illegally possessing firearms. The indictments, Graves said, are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

\* **Brian M. Garner**, 28, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Garner** admitted that he was in possession of a Titan Tiger .38-caliber revolver on March 24, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Garner** has two criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance, two criminal felony convictions for unlawful use of a weapon and a criminal felony conviction for carrying a concealed weapon.

**Garner** was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court on March 25, 2005, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Anthony Hollinger**, 44, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Hollinger** admitted that he was in possession of a Ruger 9 mm semi-

automatic pistol on April 3, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Hollinger** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance and a 1993 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

**Hollinger** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on May 10, 2005, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Ramon Saenz Madina**, 23, a Mexican national living in Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Madina** admitted that he was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .22-caliber revolver on Aug. 4, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any illegal alien to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

**Madina** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 17, 2005, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

#### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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